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**Bills Committee on
National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill**

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 6 March 2003 at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon IP Kwok-him, JP (Chairman)
Hon Ambrose LAU Hon-chuen, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Kenneth TING Woo-shou, JP
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Dr Hon LUI Ming-wah, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong
Hon HUI Cheung-ching, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, BBS
Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBS, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon SZETO Wah
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, SBS, JP
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, MH, JP
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP
Hon MA Fung-kwok, JP

Member attending : Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP

Members absent : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP

Public Officers attending : Mrs Regina IP, GBS, JP
Secretary for Security

Mr Timothy TONG, JP
Permanent Secretary for Security (Acting)

Mr Bob ALLCOCK, BBS, JP
Solicitor General

Mr Tony YEN, SBS, JP
Law Draftsman

Mr Gilbert MO
Deputy Law Draftsman

Ms Winnie NG
Administrative Assistant to Secretary for Security

Mr Johann WONG
Principal Assistant Secretary for Security

Miss Adeline WAN
Senior Assistant Solicitor General (Acting)

Clerk in attendance : Mrs Sharon TONG
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)1

Staff in attendance : Mr Jimmy MA, JP
Legal Adviser

Ms Bernice WONG
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Mr Raymond LAM
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)5

The Bills Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

2. Mr IP Kwok-him and Miss Margaret NG were respectively nominated by Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung and Mr Martin LEE as candidates for the Chairman of the Bills Committee.

3. Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong suggested that each candidate should brief members how he or she would chair the meetings of the Bills Committee. As there were divided views among members, a vote was taken on Mr CHEUNG's suggestion. 12 members voted in favour of the suggestion while 25 members voted against.

4. Mr MAK Kwok-fung said that his name was not on the membership list of the Bills Committee. He further said that his assistant had confirmed having faxed his reply slip for joining the Bills Committee to the Legislative Council Secretariat. The Clerk said that the Secretariat had not received the reply slip from Mr MAK for joining the Bills Committee nor any telephone call from Mr MAK's office relating to the matter. Mr Kenneth TING, presiding member who had the highest precedence among members present, decided that Mr MAK's request for joining the Bills Committee would be dealt with after the Chairman of the Bills Committee was elected.

5. The Bills Committee took a vote to elect the Chairman of the Bills Committee. Mr IP Kwok-him was elected as Chairman by a majority vote of 30 to 14.

6. The Bills Committee then took a vote on Mr MAK Kwok-fung's request to join the Bills Committee. Mr Martin LEE requested that the names of members who voted be recorded.

7. The following 26 members voted in favour of the request -

Mr Kenneth TING, Dr David CHU, Ms Cyd HO, Mr Albert HO, Dr Raymond HO, Mr LEE Cheuk-yan, Mr Martin LEE, Mr Fred LI, Miss Margaret NG, Mrs Selina CHOW, Mr James TO, Mr CHEUNG Man-kwong, Mr HUI Cheung-ching, Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, Mr Philip WONG, Mr TSANG Yok-sing, Mr Howard YOUNG, Mr LAU Chin-shek, Mr LAU Kong-wah, Ms Miriam LAU, Mr Ambrose LAU, Ms Emily LAU, Mr Andrew CHENG, Mr SZETO Wah, Mr Timothy FOK and Dr LO Wing-lok.

8. The following five members abstained from voting -

Mr NG Leung-sing, Mr WONG Yung-kan, Mr YEUNG Yiu-chung, Miss CHOY So-yuk and Mr TAM Yiu-chung.

9. No member voted against the request. The Bills Committee decided that Mr MAK's request for joining the Bills Committee be acceded to.

10. The Bills Committee proceeded to elect the Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee. Mr Ambrose LAU and Miss Margaret NG were respectively nominated by Dr David CHU and Mr James TO as candidates for the Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee. A vote was taken and Mr Ambrose LAU was elected as Deputy Chairman by a majority vote of 27 to 13.

II. Meeting with the Administration and dates of subsequent meetings

11. The Bills Committee agreed that the next meeting be held on 25 March 2003 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

12. The Bills Committee also considered whether another meeting should be held on 27 March 2003 at 8:30 am. As there were divided views among members, a vote was taken. 19 members voted in favour of the Bills Committee holding a meeting on 27 March 2003, while 13 members voted against. The Chairman concluded that a meeting of the Bills Committee would be held on 27 March 2003 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

13. The meeting ended at 10:40 am.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the Bills Committee on
National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill
on Thursday, 6 March 2003 at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
000000-000152	Hon Kenneth TING, Hon YEUNG Yiu-chung, Hon IP Kwok-him, Hon Martin LEE, Hon Margaret NG	Election of Chairman	
000153-003003	Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon LAU Kong-wah, Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, Hon Andrew CHENG, Hon Margaret NG, Hon LAU Ping-cheung, Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Hon Cyd HO, Hon Emily LAU, Hon NG Leung-sing, LA, Hon IP Kwok-him, Hon Kenneth TING, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon Martin LEE, Hon Albert HO, Hon James TO, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW	Whether each candidate for the Chairman should brief members how he or she would chair the meetings of the Bills Committee	
003004-005423	Hon MAK Kwok-fung, Hon Kenneth TING, Clerk, Hon Emily LAU, Hon James TO, LA, Hon Audrey EU, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW, Hon Martin LEE, Hon Margaret NG, Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan	Hon MAK Kwok-fung's request for joining the Bills Committee	
005424-005753	Hon Kenneth TING	Continuation of election of Chairman	
005754-014028	Chairman, Hon James TO, LA, Hon MAK Kwok-fung, Hon TSANG Yok-sing, Hon Mrs Selina CHOW, Hon Margaret NG, Hon Emily LAU, Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon NG Leung-sing, Hon Howard YOUNG, Hon LEUNG Fu-wah, Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Hon LAU Kong-wah, Hon Cyd HO, Hon Andrew CHENG, Hon Albert HO, Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, Clerk	Hon MAK Kwok-fung's request for joining the Bills Committee	
014029-014144	Chairman, Dr Hon David CHU, Hon Ambrose LAU, Hon James TO, Hon Margaret NG	Election of Deputy Chairman	
014145-014709	Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Chairman, Hon Martin LEE, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon TSANG Yok-sing, Hon LAU Chin-shek, Hon Margaret NG, LA, Hon James TO, Hon TSANG Yok-sing	Whether each candidate for the Deputy Chairman should brief members how he or she would chair the meetings of the Bills Committee and whether the Bills Committee could elect two Deputy Chairmen	

014710-015154	Chairman, Hon Cyd HO, Hon Margaret NG	Continuation of election of Deputy Chairman and scheduling of subsequent meetings	
015155-020833	Chairman, Hon Fred LI, Hon LEE Cheuk-yan, Hon Cyd HO, Hon Margaret NG, Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong, Hon Howard YOUNG, Hon James TO, Hon CHAN Kam-lam, Hon Martin LEE, Hon Emily LAU, Dr Hon Philip WONG, Clerk, Hon Henry WU, Hon CHOY So-yuk	Dates of subsequent meetings and way forward	

Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library

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